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Response A: REMARKS

In the Official Action, restriction was required between the three (3) inventions identified in the original application. In particular, restriction was required between the subject matter of Group I, namely Claims 1 - 20 as drawn to a tree shelter; Group II, namely Claims 21 - 32 as drawn to a method of making a tree shelter; and Group III, namely Claims 1 and 20 as drawn to a method of using a tree shelter. Although Applicant herein disagrees with the Examiner's requirements for such a restriction, Applicant is desirous of securing an Official Action at an early date. As such, Applicant herein elects the subject matter of Group I, namely Claims 1 - 20 as drawn to a tree shelter.

In the Official Action, election was required between the various species of the present invention. Applicant herein elects Species IA, namely Figure 1. Claims 1 - 15, 19 - 20 and 21 - 30 are readable on Figure 1. As a subspecies, Applicant elects Subspecies IA2, as drawn to a non-woven layered mat, specifically Claims 1, 3, 10, 11, 19 and 20 and the "polyvinyl alcohol" of Claim 12. As a further subspecies, Applicant elects Species IA2A as directed to a non-woven layered mat impregnated with a second resin of Claims 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7.

Applicant believes that an Official Action on the merits is in order and such is respectively requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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